

IN THE CLAIMS

1-15 (canceled)

16. (currently amended) A cosmetic or ~~determatological~~ dermatological composition comprising hydrocortisone, or a derivative thereof, and a solvent for said hydrocortisone comprising pentylene glycol, wherein said hydrocortisone is present in an amount of about 0.01% to about 5% by weight of said composition.

17. (original) The composition of claim 16, comprising a hydrocortisone derivative which is hydrocortisone acetate.

18. (original) The composition of claim 16, comprising a hydrocortisone derivative which is hydrocortisone butyrate.

19. (currently amended) The composition of claim 16, wherein the amount of hydrocortisone is about 0.1% to about 5.0% by weight of said composition.

20. (currently amended) The composition of claim 16, wherein the amount of hydrocortisone is 4% or less by weight of said composition.

21. (currently amended) The composition of claim 16, wherein the amount of hydrocortisone is about 1% by weight of said composition.

22. (original) The composition of claim 16, further comprising at least one additional solvent other than pentylene glycol.

23. (original) The composition of claim 22, wherein said at least one solvent is a glycol.

24. (original) The composition of claim 22, wherein said at least one solvent is butylene glycol.

25. (original) The composition of claim 22, wherein said at least one solvent is propylene glycol.

26. (original) The composition of claim 22, wherein said at least one solvent comprises butylene glycol and propylene glycol.

27. (original) The composition of claim 16, wherein amount of pentylene glycol is about 5 to about 70% by weight of said composition.

28. (original) The composition of claim 16, wherein amount of pentylene glycol is about 5 to about 25% by weight of said composition.

29. (original) The composition of claim 22, wherein amount of said at least one additional solvent other than pentylene glycol is about 10% to about 70% by weight of said composition.

30. (original) The composition of claim 16, which is an emulsion.

31. (original) The composition of claim 16, which is a gel.

32. (original) The composition of claim 16, which is an ointment.

33. (original) The composition of claim 16, which is a lotion.

34. (original) The composition of claim 16, which is a shampoo.

35. (currently amended) A method of formulating a ~~steroidal hormone or anti-inflammatory agent~~ hydrocortisone or a derivative thereof for use in a cosmetic or dermatological composition, comprising mixing said ~~steroidal hormone or anti-inflammatory agent~~ hydrocortisone in an amount of about 0.01% to about 5% by weight of the composition, and a solvent for said ~~hormone or anti-inflammatory agent~~ hydrocortisone comprising pentylene glycol.

36. (currently amended) A method of formulating a hydrocortisone or derivative thereof for use in a cosmetic or dermatological composition, comprising mixing said hydrocortisone or a derivative thereof in an amount of about 0.01% to about 5% by weight of the composition, and a solvent for said hydrocortisone comprising pentylene glycol.

37. (currently amended) A method of treating skin or scalp, comprising applying to skin or scalp a composition comprising a ~~steroidal hormone or anti-inflammatory agent~~ hydrocortisone or a derivative thereof, and a solvent ~~for said hormone or anti-inflammatory agent~~ comprising pentylene glycol, wherein said hydrocortisone is present in an amount of about 0.01% to about 5% by weight of said composition.

38. (currently amended) A method of treating skin or scalp, comprising applying to skin or scalp a composition comprising hydrocortisone or a derivative thereof, and a solvent for said

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hydrocortisone comprising pentylene glycol, wherein said  
hydrocortisone is present in an amount of about 0.01% to about  
5% by weight of said composition.